--- 1/5th Pound - “Series of 1897” - 255 x 20 mm. ---

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/5th pound black strip as follows:

RP-661 - 1/5th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 255 x 20 mm. - ***4½ mm. red controls***
RP-662 - 1/5th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 255 x 20 mm. - ***4½ mm. violet controls***

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

--- 1/5th Pound - “Series of 1897” - 255 x 20 mm. ---

--- Recess printed in BLACK ink - with *dark tablets* - *4½ mm. red controls* - scanned at 65% scale ---

--- RP-661 - *coarse roulette* - on *horizontal mesh* wove - 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

RP-661 - 1/5th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, with red control number **9770758** - 254 x 20 mm.

9393492	RP-661	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
9770758 ★	RP-661	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove

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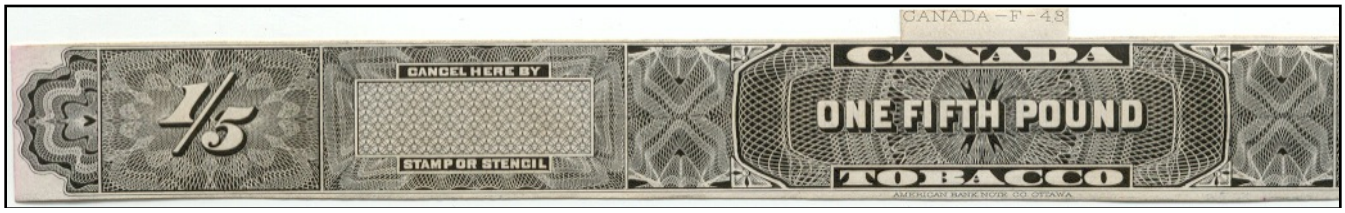
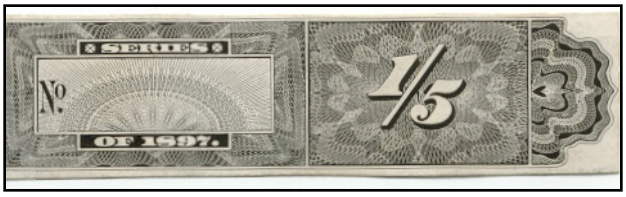
RP-661n - 1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, without control numbering
Stamped **Registered** and **CANCELLED** in violet ink - 255 x 20 mm.

--- RP-661 DP - 1/5th pound black die proof - “CANADA-F-43” - at 100% scale ---





RP-661 DP - 1/5th Pound Tobacco, imperforate black die proof “CANADA-F-43” on heavy wove paper
A 255 mm. *one-piece* die proof - optically split in the scanner to show the details

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--- 1/5th Pound - “Series of 1897” - 255 x 20 mm. ---

--- Recess printed in BLACK ink - with *dark tablets* - *4½ mm. violet controls* - scanned at 65% scale ---

--- RP-662 - *coarse roulette* - on *horizontal mesh* wove - 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

RP-662 - 1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **0795089**, on *horizontal mesh* wove - 254 x 20 mm.
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-17** in blue ink by “W. C. Macdonald Tobacco”, Montreal

RP-662 - 1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **1667862**, on *horizontal mesh* wove - 255 x 20 mm.
Roller cancelled **18-10-D** in blue ink by “Landau & Cormack Tobacco”, Montreal

RP-662 - 1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **1880006**, on *horizontal mesh* wove - 253 x 20 mm.
stamped ***Sample*** in purple script

0795089 ★	RP-662	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **TOBACCO / 1-17**
1667862 ★	RP-662	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **18-10-D**
1880006 ★	RP-662	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, stamped ***Sample*** in purple ink

The **18-10-D** “Customs & Excise” coding replaced the I.R.D. coding in November 1921. This company code rollered strip must post-date 1921. I speculate that the strips stamped ***Sample*** in purple script were prepared when ABN became CBN in 1923.

From the ABN New York Archive Sale of 1990

--- **RP-661 PP** - 1/5th pound, black, plate proofs printed on thin cardboard - 253 x 20 mm. - a pair ---

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